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Dear Mom and Dad,

We enjoyed our evening at Wolftrap last Monday. Our picnic consisted of homemade fruitbread with cheese and tomato accompanied by wine. The performance by the National Symphony with opera star Placido Domingo was very entertaining and quite a gala event because of it being opening night. We left just before the final encore and managed to get home before midnight.

On Thursday evening we drove into town and ate in the old Post Office which I had not yet visited. It was busy but not too crowded. It is a quaint old building and we are glad it was not torn down as planned. Afterward we went to the National Gallery of Art and walked through the exhibit of 'The Orientalists'. Several paintings of sights in Egypt inspired us to think about a trip there next year.

In the near term, we leave on the charter flight to London on 31 Aug with the following tentative itinerary:

- 1 Sep Arrive London - London Elizabeth Hotel on Hyde Park Theatre in the evening
- 2 Sep 15-20 mile run around Hyde, Regent, Green, St. James, and Battersea Parks  
Afternoon sightseeing
- 3 Sep Fly to Salzburg, Austria
- 4 Sep Train or bus to Kitzbühel, Austria in Tyrolean Alps
- 5,6,7 Sep Three conducted walks in the hills to earn the town medal of achievement;  
Train to Munich
- 8 Sep Visit archeological museum - Egyptian antiquities
- 9 Sep 15-20 mile run through parks;  
Nymphenburg Palace of the Hapsburgs;  
Biersgarten
- 10 Sep Fly to Vienna
- 11,12,13 Sep Enjoy sights, cafes, music
- 14 Sep Fly to London
- 15 Sep Return home.

On Saturday night we went out to dinner at the Hellenic Flame in Old Town with the Sanchez's and the Wilson's. This place is newer than the Taverna Cretakou which we all went to on Easter one year. The food was excellent and was followed by Greek music and a belly dancer.

On Sunday we drove down to Bella Haven and did our usual Sunday run. Fortunately it hasn't been too hot, but today at noon it was 86 degrees and 59 percent humidity. Then we watched the women's marathon which perhaps you did too. I never expected Joan Benoit to keep going after taking the initial lead.

We have enjoyed your letters. I hope Jodie hasn't been treating Dad too harshly. Mom, I don't see how you could lose five dollars unless you were playing for too high stakes!

Love, Jim

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